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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Rain or snow in west; snow in east portion; warmer.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The new year will have new demands to make upon the Astoria Chamber of Commerce. They must be met, and utilized, to the farthest advantage.

Without deprecating the past, it is our unescapable duty to grapple with the new conditions and meet them just as though earnest and earlier effort had never been made. We have been denied, defeated and disappointed time after time, but that does not mitigate against ultimate achievement; the only real thing essential being to arrange, organize, direct, and operate, on such bases, with such men at home and abroad, as shall more nearly approximate success.

With the City of Astoria as widely known as the immense scheme of advertising we have indulged, has made possible, it would seem that our best and simplest plan would be to choose some single, valuable prospect and go after it, to the exclusion of the dozen, hampering disconcerting and ineffective pursuits. One thing at a time is a good enough rule to follow in a city of this size; beside, it is amenable to a sharper ratio of success. The blending of a score of half-considered, half-boasted, half-wrought things into one conglomerate failure in the end, does not contribute to the support and confidence needed.

This without reproach to anyone connected with the Astoria Chamber. It is a huge and discouraging task at best, to keep a commercial body alive and active and confident, under the most propitious conditions, and due allowance, must be made for this, in the review of the past and the forecast of the year. We, with all people here, are anxious for the success of this agency in all its departments; and will contribute to that success as we may, and always have, but we believe there must be a new program, new

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WANTS RELIEF FROM MONEY SHARKS

THE FEDERAL LEGISLATURE SHOULD STOP PRACTICE OF GOVERNMENT CLERKS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(Special) Wanted by the government clerks of Washington. A champion in the United States Senate to father a measure designed to protect the needy clerks from the machinations of the unscrupulous moneylender. This champion must be fearless in action, possess a voice vigorous and convincing, a body capable of endurance, and be able to hurdle that august chamber with a bill handicapped by the opposition of a powerful lobby. A reward in the shape of the enduring gratitude of H. B. Macfarland, president of the Board of Commissioners, District of Columbia, will accompany the passage of this bill by the Senate.

Perhaps if Commissioner Macfarland, who in projecting this prize-worthy measure has thrown his paternal arm around the 30,000 or more Federal clerks in Washington, would only post a few such notices as this in conspicuous places on the Senate side of the Capitol building his attempt to stamp out usury in the District would not be in vain. At the present writing, unless some doughty champion fares forth and calls it into action, it looks as though this bill will slumber

memory. We of Astoria have only the pleasantest recollections of this member of the Oregon Pilot Commission and sorely regret that we shall never greet him again. He has myriads of friends down at this end of the river, some of life-long standing, and others who knew him only a few short years, but well enough to thoroughly appreciate and respect him for the sterling qualities that made his name a power for good in the State and the Northwest.

WHAT NEXT?

If we of the Northwest are to preserve our inalienable right to brag on our climate and weather conditions and hold our place on the roster of truth-tellers in this particular cult, these blizzards and earthquakes and freezes must be abated in some way. We were about to charge the whole scheme of disorder and reaction to the meeting of the Oregon and Washington Legislatures, as a sort of protest from old Mother Nature against the assemblage of these imposing, but useless, servants and representatives, whose superficial uproar and hollow trumpeting make for the disquiet of all mankind; we forego the suggestion in deference to the homester, if graver, signs, given forth from the abysmal heart of things terrestrial, and in the consciousness that nature has far too much to do to waste time in noting such ephemeral, such utterly barren agencies as are set up at Salem and Olympia.

The weather, to us, is of far deeper significance than the Legislature, here, or anywhere else; it is practical, near to us, tangible, to be dealt with and handled personally; attributes not attaching to the constitutional farce up on the Willamette or over on Puget Sound. Both cost money in endless ways and amounts; but the lavish debt incurred by the natural courses, are as nothing to the swindle that will be perpetrated this year (in Oregon, at least), just as it has been, biennially, for the past quarter century.

We have but two recourses against the tremendous play of these climatic upheavals; prayer and common sense. We leave it to the inclinations of those who want to employ either expedient, and hope both may be successful in circumscribing the cold-spell, or attaining to patience enough to bear it.

But no man is safe from the idiosyncrasies of 90 conniving politicians hived at a point where they may do pretty nearly as they please because the law provides a way for their folly. In both issues, we, the people can only stand by and marvel, and try to solve the anxious query: What next?

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When you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it. Take Chamberlain's cough remedy and you are sure of prompt relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of it has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. Sold by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

FORESTS MAY BE SAVED TO THE COUNTRY

Just how many thousands of unearned dollars annually go from the hands of the government worker into the pockets of moneylenders is only to be conjectured. Though efforts have been made by department secretaries to appropriate the sum, the way is blocked. The moneylender for business reasons won't tell, and on the part of the borrowing clerk there are obvious reasons for concealing the facts. All except the usurers agree, however, that the practice should be stopped by Federal legislation.

The bill by which Commissioner Macfarland proposes to stop usury went up to Congress last session. After much debate and a deal of expert lobbying, it passed the House late in the session. Now it reposes in the room of the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia, of which Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, is chairman, and there it is likely to remain with other bits of hold-over legislation unless its friends get busy with zeal and enthusiasm.

The provisions of this bill, while considered liberal and permitting of substantial profit to the moneylender, put an effective quietus on all forms of thumbing-screwing, wolfish usury such as has been practiced in this Christian community for years. The moneylender is allowed 2 per cent a month, with an additional \$3 for examining papers, securities and incidental expenses. To do business he must pay a license tax of \$1,000 annually. This feature of the bill has caused the moneylender's chief objection, and to eliminate it has raised a mighty howl of class discrimination, inasmuch as his banking and real estate lending brothers are not assessed so much.

When the bill came up last year, this heavy license tax was hotly opposed. Hearings at the Capitol and were held, at which former United States Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, now a practicing lawyer here, appeared for the moneylenders. He argued against this tax, declaring it to be without warrant in law, but the House thought otherwise. Now it remains for some of the Senate lawyers to find some legal precedents, for it is hard to move that deliberative body with a mere sentimental plea for the government clerks.

Now Commissioner Macfarland knows something of the temper of the Senate and guided by past experience, he is prepared to discharge his heaviest ammunition there. This is a bit of the letter he has sent to Chairman Gallinger urging the passage of the measure:

"A great mass and variety of pamphlets, cards, dodgers, and other advertising matter representing money loaning concerns, other than national banks, trust companies, savings banks, and the like, are distributed over the District and illustrate the extent to which such concerns are being multiplied here. Most of the establishments which send out these circulars are anonymously conducted, and offer every conceivable inducement to entice people to borrow money from them."

Commissioner Macfarland, who is something of an altruist in municipal affairs, knows whereof he speaks. He has delved deeply into this subject of illegal moneylending, and his probe has shown him that some of these "anonymously conducted" concerns are so conducted to hide personages of some note hereabouts, who would be made uncomfortably by exposure. Certain of them, it may be said, are former government clerks who have fattened rich by the practice of the "ten per cent." They mingle in respectable society now, but even under the guise of other business, not so lucrative as that of the "loan shark," the habit of lending is to strong for them to resist.

Mayhap, if this Senate champion afore mentioned comes along, the heretofore rosy path of the moneylender in the Nation's Capital will become a stubblefield. At least, Mr. Macfarland hopes so.

NEW TO-DAY

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Fresh Meat.

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Needlework Sales.

Needlecraft Shop, formerly 382 Washington street, now 147 Sixth street, between Morrison and Alder, Portland. January needlework sales now on.

BUT THE COUNTRY MUST CONSERVE TIMBER PRODUCTS AND PERMIT RE-GROWTH

Few people have anything like a clear idea of the amount of forest wealth left in this country. Those who think at all about this natural resource which has assisted in material development since the landing of the first settlers are usually too much influenced by the section in which they are most familiar.

If they live in a much deforested or a treeless region, the people usually imagine that the country's timber supply is even more limited than is actually the fact; on the other hand, with those whose homes are located in a section where a pinch in timber has not been experienced, the feeling is likely to be altogether the other way, and some become so indifferent at times as to think that there is really not much reason to worry about a timber problem. Both can profit by a reading of the actual facts.

The forests of the United States now cover about 550 million acres, or about one-fourth of the land of the whole country. The original forests covered not less than 850 million acres or nearly one-half.

The forests owned by the government cover one-fourth of the total forest area, and contain one-fifth of all timber standing. Forests privately owned cover three-fourths of the area, and contain four-fifths of the standing timber. Besides having three times the area and four times the forests, the timberland privately owned is generally more valuable.

Forestry, or conservative lumbering, practiced on 70 per cent of the forests publicly owned and on less than one per cent of the forests privately owned. This covers the country's forest resources as they stand today. Senator Smoot, chairman of the section of forests of the National Conservation Commission in outlining the future has said:

"By reasonable thrift, we can produce a constant timber supply beyond our present need, and with it conserve usefulness of our streams for irrigation, water supply, navigation, and power."

"Under right management, our forests will yield four times as much as now. We can reduce waste in the woods and in the mill at least one-third, with present as well as future profit. We can perpetuate the naval stores industry. Preservative treatment will reduce by one-fifth the quantity of timber used in the water or in the ground. We can practically stop forest fires at a total yearly cost of one-fifth the value of the standing timber burned each year, not counting young growth."

"We shall suffer for timber to meet our needs, until our forests have had time to grow again. But if we act vigorously and at once, we shall escape the permanent timber scarcity."

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JANUARY TIDE TABLE.

| JANUARY 1909. | | | | | JANUARY 1909. | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|
| High Water. | | A. M. | | P. M. | Low Water. | | A. M. | | P. M. |
| Date. | h. m. ft. | h. m. | ft. | h. m. ft. | Date. | h. m. ft. | h. m. | ft. | h. m. ft. |
| Friday | 1 8:32 | 8.4 | 9.45 | 6.5 | Friday | 1 2:18 | 2.4 | 3.35 | 0.8 |
| Saturday | 2 9:25 | 8.7 | 10:50 | 6.6 | Saturday | 2 3:20 | 2.9 | 4.35 | 0.1 |
| SUNDAY | 3 10:16 | 9.0 | 11:47 | 6.8 | SUNDAY | 3 4:22 | 3.1 | 5:30 | 0.5 |
| Monday | 4 11:05 | 9.1 | | | Monday | 4 5:17 | 3.3 | 6:15 | 1.0 |
| Tuesday | 5 11:46 | 9.2 | | | Tuesday | 5 6:15 | 3.5 | 7:36 | 1.2 |
| Wednesday | 6 1:22 | 7.1 | 12:28 | 9.1 | Wednesday | 6 7:35 | 3.6 | 8:14 | 1.0 |
| Thursday | 7 2:00 | 7.1 | 1:05 | 8.8 | Thursday | 7 8:15 | 3.5 | 8:45 | 0.6 |
| Friday | 8 2:35 | 7.3 | 1:42 | 8.5 | Friday | 8 8:54 | 3.6 | 9:16 | 0.1 |
| Saturday | 9 3:08 | 7.3 | 2:20 | 8.1 | Saturday | 9 9:32 | 3.5 | 9:48 | 0.4 |
| SUNDAY | 10 3:40 | 7.4 | 2:55 | 7.7 | SUNDAY | 10 10:16 | 3.3 | 10:15 | 0.9 |
| Monday | 11 4:19 | 7.4 | 3:35 | 7.2 | Monday | 11 10:55 | 3.2 | 10:45 | 1.4 |
| Tuesday | 12 4:45 | 7.5 | 4:20 | 6.7 | Tuesday | 12 11:40 | 3.0 | 11:22 | 2.1 |
| Wednesday | 13 5:20 | 7.5 | 5:20 | 6.2 | Wednesday | 13 12:40 | | | |
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| Friday | 15 6:47 | 7.7 | 7:45 | 5.6 | Friday | 15 2:40 | 2.6 | 1:42 | 2.2 |
| Saturday | 16 7:43 | 7.8 | 8:04 | 5.6 | Saturday | 16 3:41 | 2.3 | 2:30 | 1.5 |
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| Wednesday | 27 5:08 | 8.7 | 5:28 | 7.3 | Wednesday | 27 2:30 | 1.2 | 12:45 | 1.3 |
| Thursday | 28 6:00 | 8.5 | 6:44 | 6.6 | Thursday | 28 3:20 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 1.58 |
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